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Hi ya doin'?

The glint of the camera lens was all that was needed to catch the eye of this youngster in the Early Childhood Education day care centre on the Welland campus as photographers from the Niagara News sought a series of shots for this week's Spotlight series oin Page 7. Photographers crawled across the floor with the youngster in pursuit. Others mugged the cameras, but many went on with what they were doing.

Photo by Tammy Dollar

Election ballot adds student referendum

By VALERIE SCOTT
Staff Writer

The Student Administrative Council will probably hold a referendum on the SAC election ballot April 9 to let the student body determine whether a full-time activities programmer should be hired, after the proposal was turned down by the college administration.

"We're not going to give up," Susan Maracle, vice-president of external affairs, told the Niagara News.

At the SAC annual general meeting in the Hamilton Room March 19, Susan said the activity fee will be increased by $5 because of inflation and SAC will also conduct a poll to find out what kind of activities students want.

Susan said the proposal, which would enable SAC to hire an activities programmer for nine months and the SAC president for the month of August, was turned down by the college administration because "they have to collect the student activity fee" and need proof that Niagara College students are willing to pay a slight increase in that fee to help pay for the activities programmer. If the proposal to hire an activities programmer is accepted, the fee would go up a further $5 to $60.

PLENTY OF WORK

Susan also said the administration feels that SAC's responsibilities would be reduced if a programmer is hired. But Susan said she disagreed because "SAC's duties would be re-distributed and SAC will have plenty of work to do because the activities programmer would be scheduling more activities."

The main benefit of having an activities programmer is that many more small events to appeal to the varied interests of all types of students could be scheduled throughout the school year.

SAC would conduct a poll to find out what kind of activities students want because "most of the activities cater to the majority — not the many groups in the minority." Suggestion boxes will be set up in the cafeteria and in the SAC office.

"Everything is on hold until we know what the students want," Susan said.

If the proposal for an activities programmer goes through, Susan said the $10 increase in the activity fee would be distributed $3 to athletics and $7 to SAC. If it doesn't, the $5 would be split $2 to athletics and $3 to SAC.

FOR 9 MONTHS

A SAC financial analysis to cover the proposal said the full-time activities programmer would work nine months, from August until the end of April, and would be paid about $17,000 to $18,000. With the president working full-time in August, this would bring the salaries to about $19,000, Susan said.

SAC election on April 9

Two parties and two independent candidates for president were in the running for the 1985-86 Student Administrative Council election at press time Thursday. The election is scheduled for April 9 at all campuses.

Polling stations will be set up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at all satellite campuses, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the main campus at the cafeteria and the Tecumseh Foyer. An advance poll will be held at the Mack Nursing Centre on April 1.

TWO PARTIES

The MASH Party, which stands for Making All Students Happy, has **John Turner** running for re-election as president. His party members include: **Wayne Willis** for vice-president; **Ken Wiener** for internal affairs; **Joanne Laine** for vice-president of finance; **Ron Vahrmeyer** for social convener, and **Gus Livingston** for athletics.

The **Triple E Party**, "which is dedicated to an effective, efficient government representing every student," has **Dino Giammarco** running for president. His party members are: **Jim Macciarone** for vice-president of internal affairs; **Angela Brigante** for vice-president; **Janet Salomons** for vice-president of external affairs; **John Ingribelli** for vice-president of athletics; **Tony Zangari** for vice-president of finance and **Luciano Innocentin** for social convener.

INDEPENDENTS

Thomas Stockwell, a second-year journalism student nominated as an independent for president, would like to see more college involvement in the community, and a higher profile for Niagara in the community, the peninsula and the province.

Ray Vandermeer, a first-year computer programming student also nominated as an independent for president, said he would like to prove to the student body that he has "the capability to run the president's office."

George Kovacs chairman

Reorganize WV skills centre

By DOUG GRAHAM
Staff Writer

George Kovacs, chairman of the welding and marine division at Welland Vale, will assume the chairmanship of the newly-reorganized Resource Centre for Skills Development on April 1.

The Resource Centre will be a combined operation of the existing machine shop programs, the industrial maintenance mechanic program and the welding and marine division and will commence operations on April 1.

"The new facilities and the expanded equipment base at the Resource Centre for Skills Development place Niagara at the forefront of Ontarion colleges in potential skills training," Mr. Kovacs said.

He said before the Resource Centre can offer higher levels of training or specialized programs, a massive redevelopment of all programs will be undertaken.

This reorganization, such as changing technical programs from being topic-based to performance-based, will help the programs meet all future requirments laid down by the Ministry of Colleges, he said.

WELLAND CHALLENGE

"I am looking forward to the challenge of the combined operation and feel optimistic that we will be able to generate a large number of skills training and upgrading programs in the same manner as we have been able to do in the welding division," Mr. Kovacs said.

Mr. Kovacs has been teaching at Niagara College since 1971. From 1971-73 he taught at the main campus. In 1973, he moved to Welland Vale and has been there ever since. Mr. Kovacs has been chairman of the welding and marine division for two years.

In the past two years the specialized welding programs at Welland Vale have generated more than $1 million revenue and Mr. Kovacs said he hopes the Resource Centre will continue this trend.

"These sophisticated facilities, in combination with expert development work in the technical areas, will allow Niagara to begin and maintain leadership tradition of skill training," Mr. Kovacs said.

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Weather:

Sunny but cool, except where cloudy and warm.

Years after immigrating to Canada, a woman takes the oath of allegiance. She was among 50 from 20 different countries.
Photo by Heather Ritchie

New citizens cry with joy, swear allegiance to Canada

By HEATHER RITCHIE
Staff Writer

A tear-ridden face glistens and smiles, and 50 other people from 20 countries look on.

The anxious courtroom tingles with emotion as the first applicant for Canadian citizenship places his right hand on a bible and recites the oath:

"I swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada, Her Heirs and Successors, according to the law and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada and fulfil my duties as a Canadian citizen."

Landed immigrants wait four years and spend months preparing to be Canadian citizens.

With $40, two photographs and a birth certificate, a citizenship applicant may fill out an application form — the first step towards becoming Canadian.

At a personal interview, a citizenship judge determines whether he or she has an adequate knowledge of Canada to merit citizenship.

"Canadians know more about Canada than citizenship applicants," Judge Mary Wong said at a March citizenship ceremony in Niagara Falls.

But Marg Sharkey disagrees. Mrs. Sharkey teaches citizenship classes to prepare applicants for their interviews with a judge.

"The citizenship applicants are much more knowledgeable about Canada than Canadians," she said.

TEACHES APPLICANTS

She teaches applicants geography, history, politics, culture and their rights and responsibilities as Canadians.

A citizenship judge may ask questions like:

Who is your representative in Ottawa?

Which Canadian region seldom has a temperature below zeroC?

What is the capital of the Yukon Territory?

What is Canada's population?

Who is the lieutenant-governor of Ontario?

What do Victoria Day and Labor Day commemorate?

Who is your provincial representative?

Where is the boreal forest region?

A citizenship ceremony follows the personal interview. Each applicant takes the oath of citizenship and receives his citizenship certificate from the judge. Present are a Mountie and a panel of federal, provincial and municipal representatives.

"The greatest part about the job is seeing the emotion when they get their certificates," Mrs. Sharkey said.

Journalism graduate successful

Garnett Cowsill, a Journalism-Print program graduate, has been named publisher and general manager of the Halton Hills Herald, a weekly newspaper at Georgetown, Ont. He had been managing editor of the St. Thomas Times Journal for more than eight years.

Garnet,34, was a reporter for the Port Colborne News and the Welland Tribune after graduation. He became city editor of the Tribune, a post he held until July, 1977, when he was appointed to the St. Thomas newspaper.

The announcement of the appointment to Georgetown was made last week by Times Journal publisher L.J. Beavis.

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From Page One

Statement

The statement projected next year's expenditures at about $192,062, including a five per cent increase in expenses because of inflation, but not including the proposed new salaries.

"If we have a minimum of 3,000 students, we would have an increase in income of $21,000 which would cover salaries and inflationary increases in expenses," the statement said.

The $12,000 special events figure this year included $5,000 to cover losses at the Year End Bash last year.

"We have spent less than $2,000 on special events this year so by minimizing losses at term end bashes by more professional management, the $12,000 figure will more than adequately cover the increase in special events under this proposal."

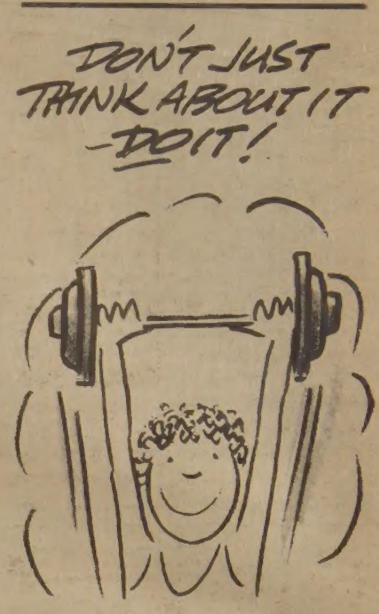
MAIN BENEFIT

Susan said the main benefit of having an activities programmer is that "many more small events could be scheduled throughout the school year, appealing to the varied interests of all types of students so that more students would receive benefit from the activity fee they pay.

"By involving more students in these activities we could create more school spirit and more interest in SAC."

Jenifer Swiercz, social convener, said an activities programmer would have the "golden opportunity to get corporate sponsorship" which is important to a lot of college events such as pubs.

Susan said a full-time programmer would have other benefits such as: scheduling more events during double lunches; holding pubs in surrounding cities at local bars on a rotating weekly basis so that commuters don't have to come back to Welland, thus minimizing pub losses; and providing more non-alcohol events such as bowling so that the rest of council can concentrate on other important issues.



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Niagara College president Jacqueline Robarts accepts, on behalf of the Horticulture Centre, donations from the Cecil Delworth Foundation. Dr. Theo Blom, chairman of the centre's advisory committee, presented Miss Robarts with new high intensity lights and Rei Picard of Westbrook Greenhouses, presented the school with a $4,000 Nikon electronic microscope. The ceremony was held March 16 at the Horticulture Centre.

Photo by Brad Hunter

Despite frigid temperatures, spring was in full bloom at the Niagara College Horticulture Centre Open House held March 16 and 17 in St. Catharines. These two students are preparing flowers for a plant sale to raise money for the school's annual New York trip.

Photo by Brad Hunter

Horticulture show jam-packed

By PAUL JACKSTIES
Staff Writer

A near-capacity crowd came to see displays ranging from terrariums to tropical plants during the Niagara College Horticulture Centre's annual two-day Open House.

Peter Mansfield, horticulture program co-ordinator, said plant sales did well and described the event as "an unqualified success."

Ending the first day of the Open House with an evening wine and cheese party, the Horticulture Centre was presented with a high-powered Nikon microscope by the Cecil Delworth foundation. The centre was presented with eight high-pressure sodium lamps from three different donors. The lamps are special because of their intense lighting capabilities.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, accepted the donations and thanked the contributors for their generosity.

The Open House at 360 Niagara St. provided an abundant wealth of information and delight.

IMPRESSIVE ARRAY

Inside the centre's impressive array of green-houses were tropical plants, cactuses, medicinal plants, aquarium plants, poisonous plants and many others. Students were on hand to answer any questions.

There were terrariums, ponds, waterfalls, flowers, plant sales, and a small computerized greenhouse which monitored its own temperature and light needs and adjusted them accordingly.

Upstairs there was the rotten world of fungi and displays by the Bonsai Society and the Rhododendron Society to name two.

The Bonsai Society offered a magical world of miniaturization with its incredible display of miniature trees. Bonsai is the art of dwarfing and shaping trees by pruning and special fertilization.

The 15-year-old Rhododendron Society began with about 20 members and now has about 500 across Canada. The society is formed totally around the rhododendron genus of trees and shrubs and is active in such things as international pollen exchanges.

Across the street in Laura Secord high school, the Horticulture Centre trade show took place.

Overrules protest, election on April 9

The SAC election date will remain April 9 despite efforts made by the Triple E Party to have the date changed to April 10.

The decision follows a heated, but controlled, discussion which erupted between Triple E Party candidate Dino Giammarco, members of the MASH Party and members of SAC at the SAC annual general meeting last Tuesday in the Hamilton Room.

Dino, a candidate for president, challenged the election date, saying the four-day Easter break "posed a threat" to election voter turn-out on April 9 and wanted the election date changed to April 10.

Dino said he felt many students would take the election day off in addition to the four-day weekend and wouldn't be at the college to vote. He based his feelings on the poor election voter turn-out last year.

Wayne Willis, a candidate for vice-president in the MASH Party, said there "was no reason" to change the election date because many people who "don't show up after a holiday usually don't vote anyway."

Dino said he also wanted to hold a Triple E-sponsored pub on April 4 because he "did not want to conflict with the (David Wilcox) pub." The Triple E party also wanted an extension on the removal of posters.

TURNED DOWN

Both requests were turned down as election rules state that there is to be no public campaigning after April 4 at 5 p.m. and all posters are to be down by that time.

Dino said he wanted 10 days to campaign as stipulated by the SAC constitution.

Hugo Bessems,student liaison officer, said that the election date had been set — and arrangements made at all campuses — before the college administration decided to give students the day off on Easter Monday.

New club

A new organization, the St. Catharines Jaycettes, offers young women between 18 and 40 "the opportunity to gain leadership and personal development."

"As a member of a local unit, you decide what is best suited for and needed in your community."

Inaugural charter night is to be Friday, March 29, but regular meetings are held on Tuesdays. For further information, contact Linda Cunningham Sampson at 937-2641.

Fashion walks with style tomorrow night at eight

A group of fashion arts students got a helping hand with their feet last week in preparation for their fashion show tomorrow night.

They were taught the fine art of walking like a model from Vicky Klassen, a former model and modelling instructor.

The fashion show will be the first time the students' designs are viewed publicly and, for most, their first modelling experience.

The students were easy to work with, Ms. Klassen said, and will do well in the show. In no time, they were making graceful turns and elegant promenades.

The fashion arts students will be displaying their original designs and new walking techniques tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Black Walnut cafeteria.

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EDITORIALS

Give youth a chance

With more than 500,000 Canadians under the age of 25 without work, and a great many without the marketable skills required to obtain permanent positions, the federal and provincial governments must find a better solution for the problem than their current Band-Aid approach.

The provincial government, in its 1984 budget, allocated $450 million over three years to offer youth a wide variety of jobs throughout the province in government ministries, community agencies and associated non-profit organizations.

While it looks as though the government's intentions are legitimate, the political realities are that the purpose of some programs is lost amidst the bureaucracy.

The government reintroduces the same old programs, at a great cost to the taxpayer, changing only the names to make it look as though new programs will be effective while they only serve to collect statistics.

In some cases, youths participating in these programs are not given enough time to acquire the needed skills to pursue a full-time job and in several cases, individuals return to their original state of unemployment.

The United Nations has proclaimed 1985 International Youth Year to focus attention on the plight of today's youth.

The Canadian government should recognize this and implement programs with continuity and uniformity in mind. This would allow youth the opportunity for full-time employment and allow them the promising future they so richly deserve.

Wayne Nicholls

Sweepstake winners?

Be wary of magazine subscriptions. They are the first link in a long chain of junk mail.

Thanks to the friendly people at Sports Illustrated, Maclean's and other magazines, the names of hundreds of Canadians have been placed on the mailing lists of every dead-end investment corporation and record and tape club in North America. Twelve-for-just-a-penny record offers are livable, however, when compared to publishing company sweepstakes. These contests stretch believability to its furthest limits.

The grand-prize winners are always the same. Every two months, either a 30-year-old bank teller from Sacramento or a retired truck driver in South Carolina comes away from the sweepstakes with $10 million and a new house. Once in a while a housewife in Scarborough will win $500, giving southern Ontario residents the impression that they have a chance of winning. The big money never goes to someone who really needs it, like a single mother on welfare in Buffalo.

Bearing this in mind, Ed McMahon's TV pitch, "You may already have won $10 million," is kind of hard to swallow.

Maybe Ed is just talking to people he knows: his bank-teller god-daughter in California or his third uncle's friends neighbor's father, a retired truck driver in South Carolina.

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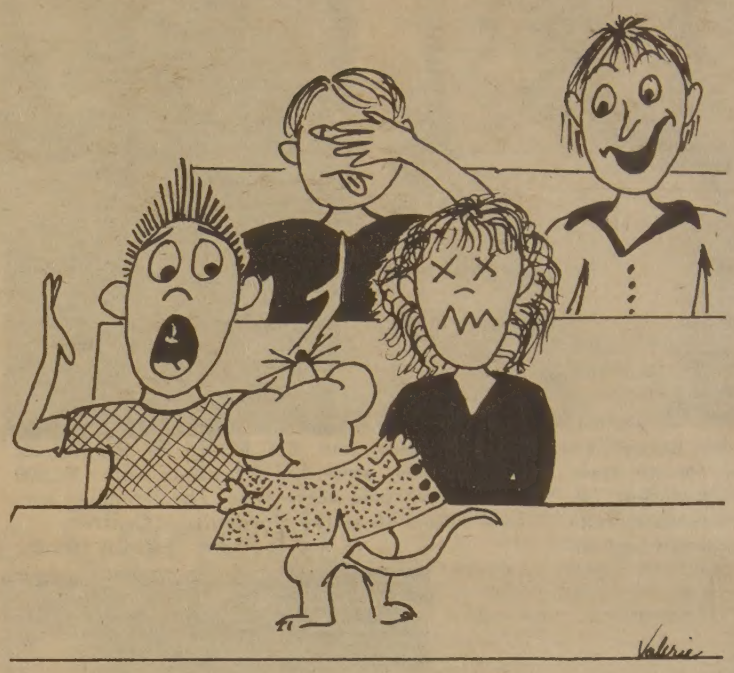

The house mouse strikes again !

'Organize, cut stress'

By JACKIE FOSTER
Staff Writer

It is one of those days. The alarm didn't go off, the car wouldn't start, the 20-page incomplete essay was due two hours ago and the weather is the pits.

Well, don't fret. Relief is on its way. All it takes is some organization and time management.

What is needed is to plan and to organize time and use it efficiently, Jim Brooks, instructor of stress management, said. "Most important, get enough sleep, eat well and exercise."

There are a number of techniques to help a student control stress. Changing attitudes, revising schedules and even analysing dreams can help understand and recognize stress. If all else fails "fake it 'til you make it."

There are always workshops and seminars going on to help deal with stress, Mr. Brooks said. "I have never had anyone come to me outside the classroom for help; if they did I would refer them to *a counsellor.*"

USE LENS

Confronted by a friend, a teacher or anyone who might be having a stressful day use the "lens of understanding," Mr. Brooks said. "Ask yourself these five questions:

What possible circumstances have led to this behavior?

How would I feel or act if I were in this person's position?

How long has it been, if ever, that this person has been told, 'Well done, I'm proud of you'?

Has my own initial response to this person been gracious?

If I become irritated or angry with this person, whom do I benefit and what do I accomplish?

The next time the car, the assignments, the alarm clock and the weather seem to be ganging up, remember the wise old tale of the tortoise and the hare: "The slow and steady win the race."

Remember manners

In Japan, young people are flocking to classes to learn the traditional courtesies that had fallen out of style with modernization. Manners were not being taught at home because it was thought old-fashioned.

They soon found, however, that good manners were not just a quaint idea, but necessary to civilized business dealings.

Niagara College students could learn from the Japanese experience and strive to improve their manners and their job prospects.

The cafeteria is a good example. A small no smoking section does not mean smokers can ignore the courtesy of asking before lighting up. Many students seem to lack even a passing knowledge of the use of knives and forks. Some eat noisily with their mouths open, making lunch unpleasant for those forced to watch the spectacle.

Most students will not be dining with the Queen, but they will go on job interviews and work with people. Common sense and respecting the rights of others are all that is necessary to have good manners.

A student with foresight will know the conventional rules of proper behavior before going into the working world.

Elizabeth LeReverend

Journalism welcomes letters for its newspapers

The Niagara News welcomes letters from its readers. Pen names may be used but the writer must be indentified by name and program to the editor. The News reserves the right to edit copy to length.

This is our first edition

First Edition is the first opportunity first-year Journalism-Print students have to demonstrate their skills as reporters. The first-year students will also produce the last two editions of the Niagara News this year during April while second-year students are on their annual field placement with newspaper and radio station newsrooms in the peninsula.

Focus

on non-traditional jobs

New face rides the rails at CN, more blue collar jobs for women

By ELIZABETH LeREVEREND
Staff Writer

"I want to be an engineer."

With women like Maureen Carson, 22, a brakemanm for CN, as role models, more girls will be setting their sights on high-paying non-traditional jobs like working for the railroad.

CN hired Maureen in July, 1984, one month before the Human Rights Commission ordered the company to establish an affirmative action program, the first ruling of its kind in Canadian history.

The company must hire women for one in four blue collar jobs until they reach 13 per cent of the work force. Before the ruling women comprised only one per cent of CN's blue collar workers. When Maureen joined CN, there were only five women working as brakemen in Ontario.

Shocked

Some people laugh, but most are shocked, when they find out Maureen is a brakeman. People have an idea of what a brakeman looks like; at five foot three and 110 pounds, Maureen does not fit that image. Her goal is to become an engineer in five or six years.

Being a brakeman is hard physical work, just what Maureen wanted after six years of working on the family farm and an active physical life.

The guidelines set by the commission will not mean the hiring of unqualified women over better qualified men. All job condidates must pass the same tests for aptitude and be able to lift an 80-pound weight called a "knuckle."

MAUREEN CARSON

Maureen took general college and theatre arts for two years at Niagara before working for CN. Those courses have helped her in dealing with people, a large part of her job.

The brakeman on a train is second in command to the conductor. She is responsible for safety on the train, reading signals and making sure passengers are comfortable.

A brakeman must also be flexible. Maureen is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Maureen can type 80 words a minute and take short-hand, but she prefers to play down those skills. Being a brakeman keeps her out of the low-paying dead-end jobs women traditionally hold.

Maureen is not working for the railroad to make a political statement or to "prove" anything. She just wants to earn a living in a job she says is perfect for her. She just wants to be an engineer.

Husband, wife team fight against crime

Sandy Brennan worries when her husband leaves for work — like most policemen's wives.

But unlike most wives, Sandy knows why she is worried. With the fear of the unknown gone, the stress is a lot easier to take.

Constable Sandy Brennan, 35, was one of five women who became the first policewomen on patrol in the Niagara Region. She and her husband, Ed, 40, both work for the department; she works out of the Wellend detachment, he works in Niagara Falls.

Sandy can hold her own in a bar fight, yet maintains her femininity. She and Ed are expecting their first child in July.

Not first choice

Police work was not her first choice for a career. After getting a Bachelor of Arts in English and physical education from York University, Sandy hoped to teach handicapped children.

But she answered a newspaper ad aimed at getting women to join the force 12 years ago and never looked back from the job she loves. It provides the challenge, excitement and opportunity to work with people that she said she always wanted.

At five foot six, Sandy said she is living proof that an imposing stature is not necessary to effective police work. She has arrested "virtually every class of people out there" and has avoided serious injury.

People still respect the uniform, and besides, "there still aren't many men — unless they're drunk or stoned — who want to hit a woman," Sandy said.

Women like Constable Brennan have smoothed the way for more women joining the force. Policewomen are no longer considered a "pilot project" and new recruits, having grown up with women playing an equal role, are not looking for discrimination.

Equality

Before joining the force, Sandy made sure there would be equality on the job; she wanted to be on the road, not behind a desk.

Equality started at home for Sandy. She was raised in an environment with no division of labor based on sex. That policy continues in the Brennan household.

Being married to another police officer makes things easier for them both, she said. It helps to have somone around with an implicit understanding of the work.

Another woman's story

For another story on a woman in a non-traditional occupation, see the story on Liz Cross, an oil/gas engineer, on Page 6. Liz is the only engineer of her type in Ontario, an occupation she says is not exactly glamorous, but...

she's an engineer

At General Motors

Woman pipefitter has no trouble adjusting

By HEATHER JARDEN
Staff Writer

While most people are settling down to a nice dinner after a hard day's work, Susan Willis's workday is just beginning. Mrs. Willis, 28, is a pipefitter at General Motors and working nights is just one of three shifts she has to endure from week to week.

"Shift work is hard on you physically," she said. "It is a shock to your system." She said working shifts is even harder on the many men with whom she works, although most of them are older than her.

One of the guys

Mrs. Willis, who has been interviewed several times before for articles in Solidarity, Skill Magazine and the St. Catharines Standard, doesn't receive any resentment from the men who treat her "like one of the guys."

Decked out in coveralls, safety boots, and protective eye glasses, Mrs. Willis fits in so well that sometimes men forget she is a woman and begin saying things they normally might not have. But this hasn't changed Susan. She is used to the language.

SUSAN WILLIS

Except for an incident which took place a long time ago in which an older man came up to her and said, "You have no right to work here," most of the men have been pretty supportive. Although Susan is the only female pipefitter in her plant, harrassment is not a subject she likes to dwell upon. She said it is found everywhere people are working in large numbers and is not peculiar to her job or industry.

Mrs. Willis began working at GM in 1976 on the assembly line after quitting McMaster University, where she studied natural science for half a year. She spent four-and-a-half years in an apprenticeship during which she was elected into the elections committee where she was able to become more aware of the union and its people.

Now accepted

She tried twice before being accepted into an apprenticeship where applicants are picked through a point system in which points are given depending on education, testing, and an interview. During her years as an apprentice, she was moved from plant to plant learning different aspects of her working environment, such as construction, including new installation of machinery and the servicing of machinery.

Mrs. Willis receives about $14.90 per hour with a five per cent premium for working the afternoon shift and a 10 per cent premium at night. At the Grey Iron plant she is responsible for all compressed air and oil used for hydraulic power and lubrication, and the gas and water used for service and maintainence of the existing power systems.

Mrs. Willis' husband, a student in culinary management at George Brown College, met his wife while she was an apprentice and has always thought her career choice was great. Sometimes classmates tease him about role reversal, his wife being a pipefitter, and he a chef.

"It's no fun anymore," she said. "When I told women that I was a pipefitter they accepted it right away while the men looked in disbelief." Now the men are realizing that it requires both the husband and the wife to be a breadwinner to achieve a comfortable living.

Susan said the best thing about her job is that she really enjoys it whereas she wasn't sure she would when she started.

Although she dislikes the shiftwork, in her short time as a pipefitter she has grown to enjoy her work and can't see herself leaving it in the near future.

"Besides, it's hard to beat that money."

Not glamorous job, but she's engineer

By ELLEN RODGER
Staff Writer

Nobody ever told her it would be easy.

The work is grimy and tiring, the hours long and unpredictable. The life of an engineer serving the oil and gas industry is not exactly glamorous.

But Liz Cross wouldn't change it for the world. At 31, she is the only woman engineer in Ontario who does oil and gas logging.

Her day begins at 6:30 a.m. when she reports to the field office and prepares the servicing truck. By 8 a.m. she is on the job site "lowering a series of sophisticated electrical instruments into a well hole to measure specific characteristics of geological formations below the well bore." Simply put, she tests oil and gas well production capabilities.

At 3 p.m. the job is finished, she packs her "logging tools" and drives home — all in a day's work.

Challenging

Ms. Cross works for Computalog Gearhart Ltd., a cross Canada oil and gas well servicing company.

"The work is challenging, and there is plenty to learn; it's the kind of job you could spend your whole life in and not be bored," Ms. Cross said. "It's also the kind of job where you have to be independent — I can pull my own weight. I don't chew tobacco, but I am strong."

Independence is something she learned early. She received a BA at the University of Waterloo and after a stint as a cook on an Alberta oil rig, she decided the oil industry was where she wanted to be. She enrolled in the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology's National Energy Program.

Still unsatisfied after two diplomas, she felt there would be more opportunity in Engineering and went about getting her degree from Montana Tech., where she finished her two two-year accelerated program in 1½ years.

Opportunities

"I saw more opportunities in engineering, especially for women. It's a career just opening up," she said. She has never encountered any problems working in a male-oriented field. "The men and the company I work for are very open and accepting, they give credit where credit is due — they give you a chance and there are a lot of people and places that won't."

With a $33,000 starting pay, Ms. Cross said the high pay was a big reason for her entering engineering. "If I didn't want the money, I'd be gardening, but I also love the work. I think I've found my niche in well logging and analysis."

Two hope for careers as models

Two second-year fashion arts students hope they have the Look of the Year. If one of them is right, she will win a $1 million modelling contract with one of the world's largest model agencies.

John Casablancas, president of the elite agency, holds a yearly search for new models. Lisa Kotris, 22, saw a newspaper ad announcing the contest and talked classmate Mary Anne Goodman, 19, into entering as well.

They both had professional pictures taken by St. Catharines photographer Richmond Hill, then sent in one full length and one portrait-sized photograph to the Toronto branch of the agency and hoped for the best.

Both girls said that even if they do not win, entering the contest has been good experience and may open new doors for them. They may get small modelling contracts or work in television commercials through the agency.

For Mary Anne, the photo session helped her overcome camera shyness, and Lisa said the contest is adding excitement to her life.

Three Canadian finalists will be chosen March 30 and flown to Acapulco for the North American finals. Contestants from 30 countries will compete for the $1 million contract.

Fine Arts program produces big results

By MICHELLE MUYLAERT
Staff Writer

That beautiful painting or interesting drawing on the wall just may be the work of a former Niagara College student.

Niagara offers a Fine Arts course as part of its General College program. In it, students learn the techniques of life drawing, oil painting, and modern media, which includes silk screening and hand lettering.

Most students are involved in a one-year daytime program but the college also offers a more advanced program aimed primarily at continuing education students.

"Niagara does not have the resources to make Fine Arts a full-blown program," David Davies, chairman of human services division, said. "It is used mainly as an intermediary step toward entrance into the Ontario College of Art and other large art programs."

ENTER ART COLLEGE

From 12 to 14 Niagara College students are accepted into the Ontario College of Art in any one year, an indication of the program's excellence, Mr. Davies said.

"This is largely do to the talents of the Fine Arts instructor, Ken Cosgrove," Mr. Davies said. "A lot of the student's success comes from the high calibre of Mr. Cosgrove's teaching. Many of the students have gone on to operate as talented practising artists."

The Fine Arts program's growth has been muted by a number of problems, the major one being a lack of space in which the artists can practise their craft.

"It is difficult for the students to sketch life models in the small areas provided and we don't know that we can solve the problem," Mr. Davies said. "Niagara has no plans for expansion at this time."

Another problem has been the program's lack of fame, Mr. Davies said. The Fine Arts program is trying to shed its anonymity by publishing a brochure to make high school students aware of its existence.

Last chance for changes

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Honeymoon Suite, a band originally from Niagara Falls, played for an enthusiastic, screaming crowd at the SAC pub last Wednesday. The band consists of, from left, Dave Betts, Derry Grehan, Johnny Dee, Ray Coburn and Gary Lalonde.

Standing-room only at Honeymoon Suite

By AMY HAMILTON
and DAVE SMITH
Staff Writers

Honeymoon Suite has come a long way during its two short years in existence, but now the five-member band originally from the Falls came home last Wednesday to play in front of a sell-out crowd at Niagara College.

Coming off a successful 20-date mini tour of Texas and Florida where it opened for the English band, the Kinks, Honeymoon Suite touched base briefly in the Niagara Region before going on to open for Triumph in Maple Leaf Gardens April 4.

The pub was a sell-out to almost 500 people impatient to see the band; some had waited almost two hours. Fans were lined up outside the doors in the bitter cold anxiously waiting to get in to see their favorite group.

Inside, the beer was flowing like a river until, after a late start, the band finally burst out onto the stage in a cloud of smoke and multi-colored lights flashing simultaneously.

With hands in the air and excited cheering from the crowd, the band seemed almost as excited as the fans. Johnny Dee, the lead singer, said excitement is what rock and roll is all about; it's just fun.

Problem

Other than almost becoming part of the audience due to the over-enthusiasm of a few female fans, Dee had only one small problem that night — an overhead air duct. He said he likes to throw his mike in the air and the duct prevented him from doing it. "I don't like this thing at all!" he said.

Honeymoon Suite got enthusiastic responses from songs from the self-titled debut album like New Girl Now and, probably their most successful single, Burning In Love.

They had many of their fans dancing in any open space they could find in the crowded cafeteria.

The music vibrated through the floor shaking the tables. Guitarist Derry Grehan soloed through an updated version of an old *Hawaiian favorite, Aloha, making* his guitar scream like a tortured soul in high decibel agony.

Honeymoon Suite, a relatively new band, has been around for only a few years, a short time in the fast-paced world of rock and roll. The band consists of Johnny Dee on vocals; Derry Grehan on guitar; bassist Gary Lalonde; Dave Betts on drums and Ray Coburn on the keyboards.

They first came into the spotlight in April last year after winning the Canadian Rock Express award for Best Homegrown Group and earning themslelves a place on Q-107's Homegrown album with New Girl Now.

Even though they lost out to Parachute Club at the Junos and are nominated for the favorite debut album for this year's North American Rock Radio awards, Dee doesn't care one way or another about awards.

"If we didn't win, I wouldn't die, but if we'd won, I'd be the happiest guy around," he said. "At the Junos this year we didn't win it because we didn't deserve to win it because we're only new."

Following on the heels of their near-platinum debut album, the band plans to release a follow-up album this summer.

"You're going to see more of a live type sound, more of a happy sound," Dee said. "When it's a happy song, you're going to know it's a happy song and when it comes to a ballad, you're going to cry."

Even though the beer ran dry at the pub early, it didn't change the way the crowd felt towards them. The brewery lock-out might affect future performances as the band has already been cancelled at Centennial College.

All in all, it was a good night for both the band and the audience who were both happy with the evening. "They treated us great," Dee said of Niagara. "Even though it's a small venue you can still make it a big thing."

Journalism student learns as summer employee at GM

By DOUG GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Every summer thousands of college and university students pound the pavement in search of good summer jobs. Though jobs are few and far between, perhaps the most sought after in the Niagara Region are with General Motors in St. Catharines.

I, too, needed a job and applied at GM along with about 800 other hopeful employees. Only one in four ever gets hired and, through some connections, I was lucky enough to be one of them.

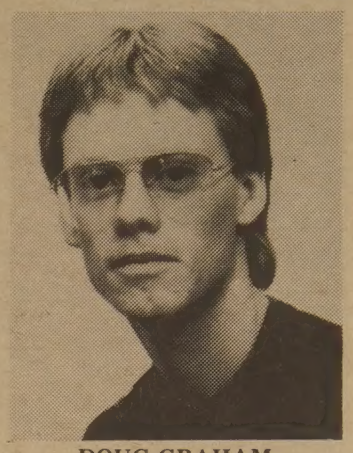
When I got the call from personnel to report to Plant One on Ontario Street, I was the happiest student in the world. I had heard stories about the money at GM and couldn't wait to get started.

Heat

Factory work is hell. Next to hell itself, GM is on the "worst-place-to-work list." The heat is almost unbearable during the summer months and the noise at best is headache potential.

They were paying me and other students $14.84 an hour. Beautiful money, lousy work. It just comes down to the point where money outweighs the bad points in a job.

It is a good thing that robots are supposedly the factory worker of the future because I don't think



DOUG GRAHAM

today's generation would want those jobs.

I was nervous during my first week but as I looked around me and realized the casual work atmosphere, I loosened up a bit. Most GM workers never physically exert themselves to any great lengths.

Most students are hired during June and July, just when the heat is getting bad. Sometimes whole shifts are sent home because of the heat. One day in August the temperature got up to more than 40 degrees Celsius.

Other students I met from Brock and Niagara said they hated the work but suffered because of the money. Students will do anything for money. Almost anything.

The veteran workers at GM were always helpful and full of good advice. Everyone I met told me to "stay in school and get yourself an education. Factory work is no life." Most of us students will heed this advice.

On the positive side, however, a student at GM can learn a lot in the short time spent working there.

Help

You learn to help the guy beside you who is having trouble keeping up on the assembly line. You learn many new responsibilities. You make new friends, and new enemies. You learn how hard you have to work sometimes to make a buck, and you learn not to spend it all in one place.

Most jobs teach a person more than just a particular responsibility. Though no fun to work at, and definitely not a life-time prospect, GM taught me things that will go a long way.

Many summer jobs available to students

By AUDREY BARRICK
Staff Writer

College students will probably not lose summer jobs to university students in most cases , Lidia DiLorenzo, supervisor of the Employement Centre for students in Port Colborne, said.

Mrs. DiLorenzo said although university students will have a week or two head start, not all jobs begin in April or May. College students will still have a good chance at finding a job.

At the Port Colborne centre, there are 176 post-secondary school students registered. Mrs. DiLorenzo said students enrolled in post-secondary education are sometimes given preference over high school students when jobs arise. This is because jobs in some areas start earlier or they relate to a specific profession.

Students may expect a variety of jobs this year. Last year, some of the career-oriented jobs were secretaries, machinist assistants, mechanical engineer assistants and researchers. There are jobs available, too, for laborers, groundskeepers, babysitters and waitresses.

SEED PROGRAM

Mrs. DiLorenzo said the same types of jobs will be available this year although the Summer Employment/Experience Development (SEED) program could open up new doors. Mrs. DiLorenzo has found area businesses to be interested and responsive to the SEED program. This program will help create jobs that provide students with career-related experience or jobs that provide students with practical work experience that may not be related to their career field but is a marketable skill.

Students must think about life insurance

By L. SCOTT HILL
Staff Writer

As the school year approaches its end, many students are thinking about what lies ahead: the career for which they have studied, new adventures, maybe even a new family. With each thought comes its own set of responsibilities.

Life seems so exiting. But life is also so uncertain.

Although few like to think of it, everybody is going to die. Not any one knows when or how and there is nothing that can be done to prevent it. There is a way to make things easier for the ones who remain.

An hour or two talk with a life insurance agent is not something that can be done too soon, an insurance agent said. People naturally think about life insurance after they have taken on many responsibilities later in life. In most cases they are too late to save money on a policy.

START EARLY

"A single student would do well to get a starter policy," Gordon E. Pilkington, an agent for Mutual Life of Canada, said. "The monthly cost of an insurance policy is based upon a person's age and health." When a person buys a policy when he is young, it costs much less. One or two years make quite a difference.

"Sometimes people won't think of their own death," Mr. Pilkington said. "What I stress is that young people must be responsible to their families."

He said the majority of students in college will have some debts accumulated before they are finished with their schooling, such as student loans and car payments.

"If a student with these types of debts should die, the debts may, in some cases, be passed on to the family in addition to the costs of a funeral," Mr. Pilkington said. "Not many families have that kind of extra cash available."

INCREASE VALUE

One advantage to obtaining life insurance at a young age is the ablity to increase the value of the policy as needs change. The addition of a guaranteed insurability clause can be a big help.

"Once a policy has started with this clause included, the policy holder may increase its value should he find that he is terminally ill, or if he becomes disabled," Mr. Pilkington said.

If an uninsured person falls into this type of situation, he will not be able to get life insurance due to the risk involved to the insurance company.

A good insurance agent will be able to tailor a policy to fit the person's needs as well as his budget. One thing Mr. Pilkington suggested for a student is to start a small permanent policy, with a term rider attached. The permanent policy has the benifit of gradually building up savings while offering protection, and the term rider will offer straight protection the same as a car or home insurance. In this way, an insurance plan can be started for $15 a month.

In giving advise to those who would rather bank the money, Mr. Pilkington said, "If you know you will live for 10 years, fine. Put your money in the bank. But life insurance provides guaranteed money to protect your family in the event of your death."

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Ross Gale looks out over the flock of Canada geese that swims serenly on the Martindale Pond near his home. Mr. Gale introduced the geese and has studied their habits extensively. More than 200 geese were on the pond this winter after their usual habitat was frozen over and they had not migrated south. Mr. Gale has lifelong friends among the geese.

It was Duke and his affair with Jezebel which led to the death of Duke's first mate, Duchess. Duke and Duchess were the first geese introduced by Ross Gale into a new home at Martindale Pond. This winter more than 200 geese wintered on the pond, fed and cared for by Mr. Gale.

Home for Canada geese

Duchess's heart broken when Duke finds another

By KAREN SCHMIDT
Staff Writer

The Duchess is dead. She died of a broken heart.

The Duke left her, left her for another.

Jezebel flaunted her charms, taunting the Duke until he could no longer resist her. It was a lifetime commitment thrown away like common trash.

Residence

Ross Gale saw the sordid love affair from the back window of his home. The two geese had made his Martindale Pond home their nesting place six years ago, but they were not the only Canada geese that made the pond their home since.

They were brought to the pond from Toronto Island. The Duke and Duchess soon set up housekeeping and their family began to grow. Mr. Gale began to feed the geese and, in time, they became his close friends. Many of the geese are the offspring of the Duke and Duchess, and another pair of geese which made their home on the pond a year later. Mr. Gale named them Black Ross and Donna.

Contented

Mr. Gale has 50 geese that regularly stay with him all year round. These geese do not migrate south into the United States like the majority when the northern lakes begin to freeze. The pond provides them a perfect home all year, with water, food and many nesting areas. In January, Mr. Gale had 200 geese at his home because the ponds and golf courses where they had lived froze over after an extended cold spell.

The main diet of the birds consists of the vegetation growing in the pond, but Mr. Gale feeds the geese cracked corn three times daily at a cost of $30 a month. The geese have come to trust Mr. Gale and depend on him for a certain amount of protection.

Although hunting is against the law within city limits, three geese have been killed near Mr. Gale's home. The geese's greatest enemy, however, is not man; it's the snapping turtles which live in the pond. Mr. Gale said he can identify many of the geese by the scars left by the turtles. These powerful reptiles can almost kill a full grown goose by pulling it under water. Geese have lost legs, toes and feet to these water devils, and every year they take their toll of goslings.

Mr. Gale has many theories on the living habits of the Canadian geese, but the Canadian Government has no interest in the study of geese. Tagging the geese for study can only be done by the government so Mr. Gale continues to feed and study the geese recording the habits and everyday events in the world of the Canada goose. Mr. Gale has been keeping a diary ever since the geese arrived six years ago.

Love affairs may end in heartbreak and friends may drift apart but Ross Gale has found lifelong friends in the Canada geese.

Libraries can teach communication skills

June E. Munro, former chief librarian of the St. Catharines public library, emphasized the importance of libraries for communication to a group of library technician students March 7.

Miss Munro said libraries are involved not only in disseminating information but also other forms of communication such as public relations.

"Libraries are a part of a society where communication plays a big role," she said. They must be structured so ideas pass between staff and relevant outside individuals and groups.

Communication is not static but forever changing," Miss Munro said. "This is an exciting time in the history of libraries because library staff face many new and exciting ways." But it is also a stressful time with some people feeling unsure about the advances. In the future, they will have to use the systems, she said.

PREFER ORAL REPORTS

Miss Munro emphasized that library staff is involved in oral, as well as written, communication. More than half of business people, in particular, prefer oral reports and 45 per cent of an adult's time is spent listening, she said.

Miss Munro was the director of library services at St. Catharines Public Library from 1973 to 1982. A graduate of the University of Toronto with a master's degree in library science, she now lectures on the subject and has taught library science at the University of British Columbia.

Answering a concluding question, Miss Munro said students could expect to face many interviews. "It's a form of communication that requires a certain technique," she said.

It is unfortunate that not everyone receives an interview because a resume may not reflect everything.

"Communication promotes understanding between employees," she said. It increases productivity and efficiency and is the nerve centre of the library. "I always believed in an open atmosphere, open communication."

New college courses aid regions economy

"Niagara College is moving ahead in computer-assisted instruction," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

Beginning this September, two 64-week programs, one in the welding technician program and the other in a quality assurance program, will be offered, Miss Robarts said.

Gold Coin

"Because of the efforts of Brian Green, the Gold Coin program is on schedule," Miss Robarts said. Mr. Green is co-ordinator of Gold Coin, a system of computer-assisted instruction being implemented at Niagara College.

A numerical control software program outline has been developed for use in the welding engineering technician program. This will give Niagara College a lead for the second-year phase of the Gold Coin program. It will be available for use throughout the 22 community colleges in Ontario, Dave Robinson, subject matter expert, said.

This technology will be available to local industry for upgrading their employees as the need arises, Mr. Robinson said.

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NC student overcomes odds

By ANGELA COLOSIMO
and JIM WOOD
Staff Writers

The engine of the Portascoot whines as it makes its way down the hallway.

Few people notice the girl as she carefully manoeuvers her three-wheeled cart through the crowded corridor. With a navigator's hand she guides her machine forward through the multitude of human legs.

Outside her classroom she carefully parks the Portascoot, and, with a knapsack in her hand, she walks into class.

Jody Soock, 21, Biamonte Parkway, Niagara Falls, is a victim of cerebral palsy who has overcome obstacles in her life.

At the age of three Miss Soock's mother was informed by doctors that Jody's condition would prevent her from ever walking or talking.

Today Miss Soock maintains a B average in her second year of psychology in the General College program at Niagara College.

"I like my course a lot; I came to college to learn for myself,"

JODY SOOCK

Jody said. "I know I can't work but I want to learn more."

Before enrolling at Niagara College, she attended Lord Elgin Vocational High School in Niagara Falls.

Following her graduation from Lord Elgin in 1982, Jody became involved in the March of Dimes workshop in Welland.

"I didn't like it there because you work only with your hands," she said.

Not many things bother the energetic young woman. A strong outlook on life characterizes her friendly personality.

"People get in my way, they won't move when I come down the hallway, that's the only problem I have here.

"I would like to meet more people. I don't have many friends here, but I still like the college."

A regular school day does not end when classes are over. Jody is not capable of writing her notes in class and must record them.

At home she types and memorizes what she has recorded earlier in the day.

Although Jody said it is sometimes hard to memorize all the notes, her mother said her comprehension is great.

In her spare time Jody enjoys listening to romance and mystery novels which are recorded on tape.

One could say that Jody is one of the most dedicated students on campus. "She has a lot of courage. She always had it," her mother said.

The school day has ended but her work has just begun. The engine of her Portascoot whines as it makes its way to the elevator. Though her handicap prevents her from using stairs, it has not prevented her from getting where she wants in life.

10th Ottawa trip off Students are broke,

By NANCY ROACH
Staff Writer

For 10 years Niagara College students studying government could look forward to an annual three-day tour of Ottawa. But this year Eugene Maltais, co-ordinator of the event, was forced to cancel the trip because students just do not have the money to go on a spring tour.

Mr. Maltais said the trip is usually scheduled for the fall semester, but the teachers' strike in October caused its postponement until the spring semester. Primarily, the tour was to give students a first-hand look at the government at the national level.

Students have the money to spend in the fall but by spring they have no money, Mr. Maltais said.

BETTER IN FALL

And the trip is more relevant to material covered in the fall.

The 50-seat bus must be full for the trip to be made, otherwise the cost is enormous, he said.

Mr. Maltais said the rising cost of the tour has affected response. In past years students could afford a $65 trip. The cost has risen more than the rate of inflation, so it would have been about $150 this year.

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Tyro Writers' Group opens door for amateur authors

By KATHIE LEE
Staff Writer

The world is full of frustrated writers.

The student who enrolls in a creative writing course at school dreams of publishing the great Canadian novel. The housewife, who can always go Frma Bombeck one better, jots her idea on the back of a grocery list. The romantic, who sees everything with a poetic vision, composes verse but is afraid others will laugh. The philosopher, who develops theories he longs to share with the world, wonders if anyone would be interested. The home handyman, who has the sure-fire answer to building a better mousetrap, does not know who to approach.

Elusive dream

For some, this dream of being published is a passing fancy. For others, it becomes an exercise in futility and an exasperating dream. To the novice author, the concept of only the experienced need apply is often a depressing reality.

"In this trade it's tough to find opportunities to practise even as an amateur," Stan Gordon, instructor at Sault College, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., said.

Mr. Gordon, a teacher for 14 years, decided to do something about it. His wish was to provide a forum where budding writers could share their developing talent with readers. At the same time he wanted to provide learning experiences for would-be authors.

Provides forum

Mr. Gordon's wish became a reality in early 1985 with the publishing of Tyro Magazine.

The 97-page publication contains editorial-styled articles, letters, non-fiction, fiction, poetry and short fillers mostly contributed by the members of Tyro Writers' Group.

Founded by Mr. Gordon in 1984, Tyro Writers' Group was designed to share market ideas, writing suggestions and criticisms. It provides beginning Canadian hopefuls with an outlet to test their literary talents.

"Who could blame them with all the rip-off artists around," Mr. Gordon said.

Although Tyro Publishing, the parent company to both the writer's group and the magazine, was registered a year ago, there were many skeptics.

The publication and distribution of the magazine has eased their doubts. A first run of 50 copies to fill orders placed prior to printing proved inadequate and a second run of 30 additional copies sold out.

The magazine is planned as a quarterly written by mostly unpublished authors with some articles by Mr. Gordon, the editor and author Michelle West.

Guidance

George Hemingway, an educator and seasoned writer, will be contributing instructional articles for Tyro.

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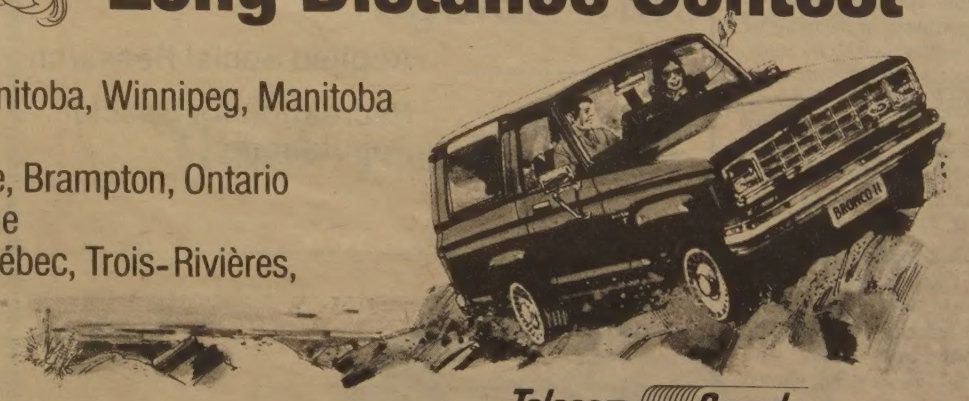

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Road crews switch to 'hot mix' to fill St. Catharines potholes

By SEAN CONDON
Staff Writer

The potholes of the Niagara peninsula have crawled out from under their winter snow drifts, ready to terrorize regional motorists. This year, the St. Catharines Engineering Department is bent on getting even.

Doug Campbell, roads superintendent for the city, said the department is using a different substance to fill potholes this spring in an effort to increase the durability of the road patches. He said the new substance is exactly the same in composition to asphalt on the road surface.

Called a "hot mix" because it must be heated to about 300°F before application, it has the advantage of contracting and expanding at the same rate as the existing street surface, Mr. Campbell said.

Refill

He said the substance used in the past, a "cold mix," of stone and oil, was "always workable" and did not need to be heated prior to application. Its pliability meant that it was easily removed from potholes by the digging tires of passing cars. With the cold mix, "we would fill a hole at 9:30 in the morning and get a call at noon that day saying the same hole needed filling," Mr. Campbell said.

He said that although the hot mix costs $3 more per tonne ($49.50, to $46.50 for the cold mix), the city "saves money by not having to refill potholes" that have already been patched.

He said that during the spring patching season St. Catharines road crews use about 16 tonnes of hot mix a day.

Roads in St. Catharines are built in three layers, Mr. Campbell said. The ground is packed down and levelled, and a 12-inch layer of stone is compacted over the ground. Two layers of asphalt are spread over the stone: a two-inch layer of thick asphalt and a one-inch layer of thinner, surface asphalt.

Causes

Mr. Campbell said there are several reasons why potholes exist. He said poor drainage of a road is one reason. If water seeps through a crack in the road, it will run down to the stone layer and "spread the stones, creating a void in the asphalt," he said. Since the asphalt "has no strength whatsoever," it falls into the void, creating a hole on the surface.

Another problem is settling of the ground underneath, he said. He cited the Secord Woods subdivision of St. Catharines as an example. "The ground there is like a clay," he said. "It is terrible, very hard to compact. If the ground settles, the asphalt goes down with it."

Mr. Campbell said the main problem in St. Catharines is winter frost. He said moisture in the stone layer freezes, causing the layer to expand and "heave" the road upwards. The swelling comes down again in spring, but Mr. Campbell said any patches made with the cold mix would be broken because it does not expand and contract at the same rate as the road surface. He said that frost was one reason why his department switched to using hot mix.

Cold mix fills the hole in Welland

Mr. Campbell is hoping that hot mix will not only save time and money, but will reduce the number of potholes that return to haunt Niagara's drivers next spring.

Homemade brew popular alternative

By JOHN PERKINS
Staff Writer

Beer will flow again in another 30 days.

That's if you begin a batch of homemade beer today.

Lily Luciani of the Grape Place, Highway 20, said it can take as little as two weeks before the nectar can be quaffed. She emphasized, however, "It can't be made overnight," and may take up to six weeks.

"There is no quick way," Mrs Luciani said. But, people are so desperate due to the lockout at the breweries that they are not waiting for the golden brew to ferment properly.

The final product is not necessarily golden either. There are a wide variety of home brew kits available that will turn out traditionally dark English malts, bitters, Irish stout or the more familiar Canadian-style beer. Mrs. Luciani said there is even a kit to produce an American-style beer.

"Hopped and unhopped kits are available," she said. Unhopped kits are provided for the innovative brew master who chooses to add his own hop selection. There is an extensive variety of hops available.

With the strike, Mrs. Luciani said the store she and her husband operate has been deluged with potential threats to the Molson empire. "Lots and lots of people are starting to come in."

Bootleggers charging up to $30 a case will find no solace in their business. The kits are priced from $4.65 and run up to $9. Each kit will produce about 40 pints.

Required for turning out a successful batch is a primary fermentor — a plastic garbage pail will suffice; a secondary fermentor; a fermentation lock; a five to six-foot syphon hose; a hydrometer; a thermometer; a wooden spoon; a boiling pot; a nylon straining bag and a bottle capper.

Bottle cappers can be rented for a dollar a day, Mrs. Luciani said.

Regular beer bottles can be used but should be sterilized. Sterilization chemicals are available at any wine-making outlet.

A lot of people do not use a hydrometer to check their fermentation and just follow the recipe on the tin, Mrs. Luciani said.

"These people are the ones whose bottles are popping all over the place."

For the brewer who prefers to start from scratch, "There are tons of books available."

Her husband delves into the home brew technique. "There were some mishaps, but he improved as he went along."

She had complaints from one over-zealous do-it-yourselfer who was suffering from the lockout. "He was so anxious that he started to drink it before it was ready. It's no wonder it was no good."

With the strike's end nowhere in sight, 30 days may not seem like such a long time to wait for an endless, quality flow.

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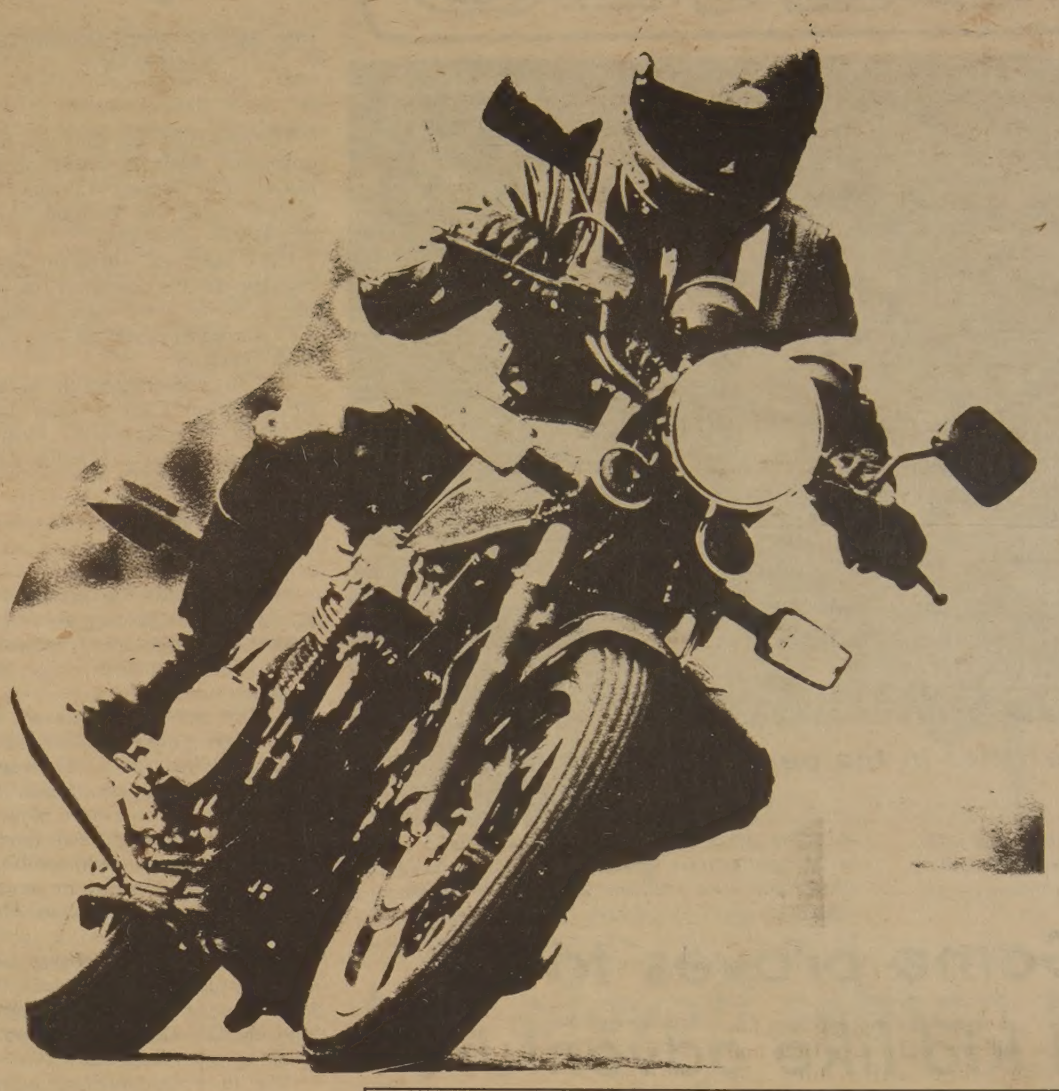
'Cycle course starts May 3

By MARIE CHAMBERLAND
Staff Writer

More than 135 motorcyclists were killed in Ontario last year.

Debbie Miller, chief instructor for the Canada Safety Council Motorcycle Training Program, said alcohol and inexperience are two major causes of the increasing number in motorcycle accidents.

Through the program, Ms. Miller tries to instill values amoung students when it comes to drinking and motorcycling. Other individuals cannot make people's personal decisions.



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The intensive 20-hour course offered over three days, includes 17 hours of experience on a bike and three hours of in-class theory.

New motorcycles are provided by the Safety Council, and the riding training takes place in the parking lot behind Hennepin Hall. Classes are held in the building.

Students are required to supply protective apparel, including a CSC approved helmet, gloves, jacket and sturdy boots.

The $125 fee includes a road test for the class M driver's licence.

Ms. Miller said it is up to motorcyclists to ensure their visibility to car drivers. The course provides detailed instruction on attaining maximum visibility, and defensive driving.

ON WEEKENDS

Classes begin May 3, and run from 6 to 10 p.m., Fridays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays, and 1 to 7:30 p.m. Sundays. They will be held every weekend, with the exception of graduation week, and will conclude Aug. 11.

Registration information will be available by mid-April through the continuing education division, 735-2211, extension 510 or 521.

Shirley Tomovic, development officer for continuing education, said 129 people completed the course last year.

Ms. Miller said the ratio of male to female students was about 60 to 40.

This is the second year the program has been offered at Niagara College.

$19 menu served by students

The 17th International Dinner and Dance presented by the students of the Niagara Hotel Club will be held at the Sheraton Foxhead in Niagara Falls April 27.

The dinner is completely organized and run by the students of the hotel and restaurant program at the Rainbow Hotel Centre, 5755 River Rd.

Cocktails will be at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m., followed by live entertainment and a midnight buffet.

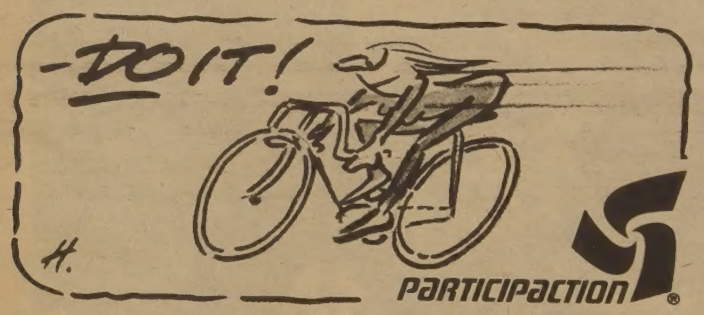
The menu consists of cold cherry soup, crab peroshki, asparagus vinaigrette, veal marsola, sliced Theresa, herb cherry tomatoes, and Hawaiian fruit kabobs.

Tickets are $19 per person and can be obtained by calling 354-9294 during regular business hours.

The committee consists of Dean Kissner co-ordinator; Marcel Robert, assistant co-ordinator; chef Jim Keppy; sous chef Rick Hollinger; Mike Haggitt, assis tant dining room manager; Steve Shaw, dining room manager; Paul Cousineau, bar manager; Gord Dyson, assistant bar manager; and Tom Carson, kitchen steward.

Hosts and hostesses for the evening are Tim Nigh, Tony DiRisio, Rina Zilio and Carolyn Gibson.

In charge of decoration will be Marianne Holley, Tony Garisto, Brenda Wilkison and Kevin Fess.



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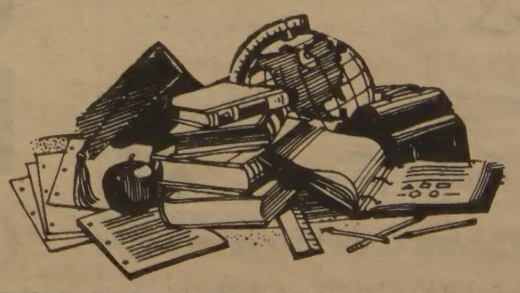

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SPORTS

Ready, aim, fire! War in the peninsula catching on.

Fantasy

Tactical Game proves to be 'advanced kid-like adventure'

By STEVE FORBES
and WAYNE NICHOLLS
Staff Writer

His heart pounds, his mind races as the "soldier" moves through the dense forest.

A rush of adrenalin engulfs his body as he approaches the enemy's station knowing he could be eliminated at any time.

Though it sounds like a scene from an old war movie, it is a sample of the adventure experienced by players of the Niagara Tactical Adventure Game.

The object of the game is to capture the other team's flag and return it to home base, without being eliminated by an opposing player.

To be eliminated from the game, a player must be marked by a paint pellet shot from an opposing player's Mark 1 pump-action machine pistol.

MUCH ATTENTION

The game received much media attention and was criticized for its portrayal of war and the act of pointing and shooting a firearm at another person.

"If you want military training, we recommend Nicaragua," Jim McCormick, organizer of the game, said. "We promise nothing but an advanced kid-like adventure."

Mr. McCormick said no studies have been done to prove people who play the game are negatively affected. He cites an article in the Special Education Journal which says the game develops cooperative behavior, enhances quick decision-making and is a good way to blow off steam.

Though the game has seen much adversity, it continues to grow with six fields in operation across the Niagara Region, compared with just one a year ago.

ALL KINDS

While people from all walks of life, including doctors, lawyers and policemen, have played at his field, Mr. McCormick said the game usually attracts males between the ages of 18 and 35.

He said the game costs about $25 for which the player receives a gun, goggles, 30 marking pellets and a day of fun and adventure he will not forget.

Mr. McCormick said no skills are needed to play because the game adapts to the individual players. He said no one has been hurt playing at his field and everyone who played last year "really seemed to enjoy themselves."

'85 Blue Jay bullpen brings fans optimism

By BRYAN FITZSIMMONS
Staff Writer

Toronto Blue Jay fans can feel optimistic about the 1985 baseball season after General Manager Pat Gillick cured the bullpen blues during the off-season.

Bill Caudill, 28, will be the Jays' big stopper this year after compiling 36 saves, a 9-7 record, and a 2.71 earned run average, last year with Oakland.

The Jays are hoping for better things from Caudill than last year's highly paid reliever, Dennis Lamp, who had a terrible 4.55 earned run average.

Trade

To get Caudill, the Jays had to part with slick fielding shortstop Alfredo Griffin and outfielder Dave Collins, a .308 hitter last season.

Griffin will be replaced by sophomore sensation Tony Fernandez. Collins who has big league experience, will be harder to replace.

The Blue Jays will still field a top-line regular outfield combination of Lloyd Moseby in centre, George Bell in left, and Jesse Barfied in right.

Rookies Mitch Webster and Ron Shepherd have been playing well thus far in spring training and should see limited action in back-up roles this year.

The Jays also aquired veteran reliever Gary Lavelle in a trade that sent Jim Gott and two minor leaguers to the Giants. The left-handed Lavelle sported a 5-4 record last year and is expected to be a short relief setup man for Caudill.

Bullpen

The bolstered up bullpen should provide more wins for the Jays starting rotation of Dave Stieb, Luis Leal, Doyle Alexander, and Jim Clancy.

Dennis Lamp may be able to put together a comeback bid in spot start and middle relief roles.

Righthander Roy Lee Jackson and rookie lefthander Jimmy Key and both coming off fairly good seasons and could be instrumental in a World Series bid.

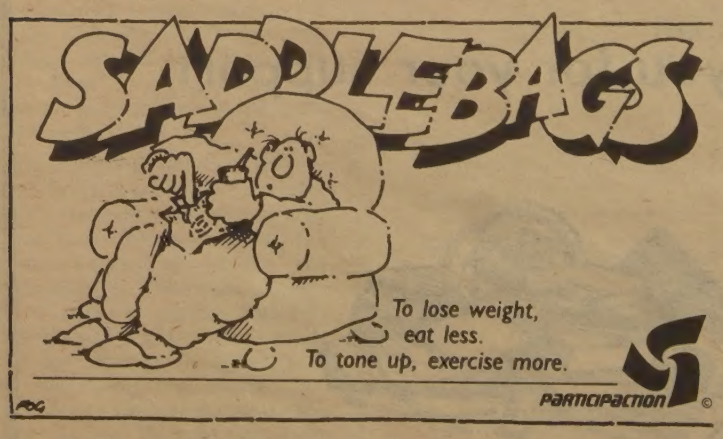
Rookie Kelly Gruber is looking to take over Garth Iorg's platooned job at third, as Iorg was plagued by a season-long slump last year. The Jays hope that third-base counterpart, Rance Mulliniks, will continue with the hot bat after hitting .324 last year.

The Blue Jays looked amazingly like contenders in 1984, winning 89 games and finishing second to eventual World Series champion Detroit. The year 1985 could be the year the Jays put it all together.

Tickets won

Dave Carpenter, staff member, and Angelo Muraco, Machine Shop 1 student, were winners of two NHL tickets drawn at Welland Vale Tuesday.

The tickets, valued at $17, enabled the two to see the Vancouver Canucks and the Buffalo Sabres on Wednesday.



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SPORTS

Predict Mets, Padres divisional champions

By BRIAN TRACY
Staff Writer

People in the know say New York and San Diego will be meeting for the National League divisional title. But another distinct possibility may be Chicago and Atlanta.

Bruce Sutter, the $48 million man, will add a dozen games to the Braves and ease them past the aging Padres. And while its true the Cubs will need Rick Sutcliffe to continue his 16-1 record in Chicago, the Mets are even more dependent on last year's rookie sensation, Dwight Gooden, and he's an unproven quantity.

A predicted, order of finish in the division, may be: EAST: Chicago, New York, Montreal, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Pittsburg. WEST: Atlanta, San Diego, Los Angeles, Houston, San Fransisco, Cincinnati.

East

In the East, the Cubs are undoubtedly the most powerful team in the division, and although they have deficiencies at short, the rest of the team is solid. Jody Davis, Leon Durham, Ryne Sandberg (the best second baseman in baseball), Ron Cey, Keith Moreland, and Gary Mathews averaged 19 homers and 88 RBI's. They are a fine defensive team, have an abundance of speed, and have excellent pitching: Rick Sutcliffe, Steve Trout, Don Eckersley, Scott Sanderson backed up a premier reliever Lee Smith. Left-handed reliever Ray Frontenot (NY) plugs a weak spot.

Mets

The Mets have acquired Gary Carter (Montreal), but the rest of the team will have to play at least as well as last year for them to overhaul the Cubbies. Gooden, Bruce Berenyi and Ron Darling are the nucleus of a great staff, but will they continue last year's performance? Darling seemed to fade at the end last year. Jesse Orosco and Doug Sisk provide superb relief.

Keith Hernandez, George Foster, and Darryl Strawberry give them three power hitters besides Carter.

Montreal has Terry Francona returning to join Tim Raines and Andre Dawson in the outfield, and their infield can hit (if it can't field), but their pitching is too suspect and their catching too ordinary for them to challenge. St. Louis has acquired Jack Clark, has the amazing Ozzie Smith, and an excellent defence, but the loss of Bruce Sutter will hurt.

Can Joaquin Andujar carry the team without Sutter to save him? The Phillies have an imposing outfield, and Juan Samuel, Mike Schmidt, Tim Corcoran in the infield, but there is a question over the remaining strength of Steve Carleton's arm. The Pirates have a decent pitching staff, with three good relievers, John Ray emerging at second, and the finest catcher in baseball, Tony Pena, but they're still going to finish last.

In the EAST Brave owner Ted Turner is continuing in the tradition of George Steinbrenner in buying titles. Len Barker, Steve Bedrosion, and Pascual Perez, will win 92 games this year with the relief of Sutter and Donnie Moore. Even without Claudell Washington the Braves are secure in the field with Milt Thompson and Dale Murphy, the finest player in the game. The Padres will be chasing the Braves. Their infield is ancient but reliable, and the future belongs to their outfield of Carmelo Martinez, Tony Gwynn, the batting champ and Kevin McReynolds. If LaMarr Hoyt returns to form and joins Eric Show (15-9), and Mark Thurmond (14-8) in a good year, the Padres could repeat. Rich Gossage is still one of the premier relievers in the league with 25 saves last year.

Dodgers

The Dodgers could keep things tight, but there are too many questions about the pitching staff: Is Fernando Valenzuela past it? Are Jerry Reuss and Bob Welch healthy? Is Steve Howe clean? Will Tom Niedenfuer survive? Rick Honeycutt and Orel Hershisher are clearly too normal for this team. The Astros desperately need Dickie Thon back, but he had vision problems in winter ball and suffered dizziness. Enos Cabell and a good outfield won't make them contenders. San Francisco has a good catcher and a fine outfield. They should be playing moveups instead of baseball. They have no pitching or infield to mention. The Reds should be rebuilding, — out with the old, in with the new. If Mario Soto (18-7) had been with a decent team last year, he might have won 30 games.

Wade Pfaff warms up his ping pong skills in preparation for an upcoming tournament he is organizing with Peter Rylander's sanction. Wade, a fashion arts student, said the tourney will begin some time next week. For those who wish to showcase their table tennis talents, a sign-up sheet is hanging beside the tables in the mezzanine over the gymnasium.

Photo by John Perkins

NHL playoff season too long?

Suggests format restructuring

By ANGUS GILLESPIE
Staff Writer

Several years ago the National Hockey League expanded the number of playoff teams to 16.

If each series goes the distance, the NHL could break its longevity record by going into June.

This playoff format clearly needs to be restructured. Teams with winning percentages under .500 make it to the playoffs and sometimes knock out top teams. The Edmonton Oilers and Montreal Canadiens were victims of this format several years back.

Changes

In 1982, the Vancouver Canucks were Stanley Cup finalists. A team which lost more games than it won came within one step of winning the cup and the honor of being the best.

The 80-game schedule serves only as a warm-up for the playoffs. The incentive to win is gone for many teams. Only five teams are automatically eliminated at the end of the season.

Because of rising salaries, the need for revenue is important to the 16 teams. Team owners would surely vote NO to a change in the playoff format.

Perhaps a better format would be to reduce the number of playoff teams to 12, with the four division champs receiving a first round bye. This would eliminate four mediocre teams, give division winners a reward and shorten the season by several weeks.

The 13th through 16th place teams would lose playoff revenue, but the top teams, with stronger public support, would not face elimination by mediocre teams.

Welders upgrade skills

Welland Vale's welding facilities will be used to upgrade welders currently on lay-off so they can work on a $25 million Port Weller Dry Dock contract.

The MV Arctic, a Canadian ice breaker, needs structural work to restrengthen its bow. The project will generate 210 person-years of re-employment for the workers at Port Weller.

George Kovacs, chairman of the welding and marine division at Welland Vale, said Niagara has agreed to upgrade and train a minimum of 85 first and second class welders so their qualifications will meet current Canadian Welding Bureau standards.

The co-operative program was developed by Nelson Long, development officer; Donna Oliver, involved with all program development, -and Mr. Kovacs. With assistance from the Canada Employment and Immigration Centres, it was approved Jan. 21.

The upgrading of the welders will enhance not only their qualifications for this project but also their mobility in Ontario industries, Mr. Kovacs said.

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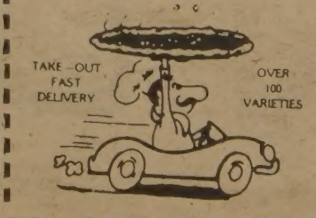

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Tigers, Twins picks in AL

By WAYNE CREIGHTON
Staff Writer

The Detroit Tigers should repeat as Eastern Division baseball champs.

Great strength up the middle, plus a stong pitching staff, led by Cy Young and M.V.P award winner Willie Hernandez, should be just enough for the Tigers to repeat.

The Toronto Blue Jays shored up their one glaring weakness by adding relievers Gary Lavelle and Bill Caudill. A lack of experience and a weak bench will keep the Jays a close second.

The New York Yankees added Rickey Henderson to an already potent lineup. The Yanks are thin in pitching and will finish a distant third.

The Boston Red Sox feature baseball's best lineup, and if the Sox can swing a trade for some pitching they may be a surprise.

The Baltimore Orioles added free agents Fred Lynn and Lee Lacy in the off season. Injuries to the pitching staff and old age will combine to drop the Orioles to fifth place.

Cleveland is a young team on the way up and Milwaukee an old team on the way down. They should meet in the basement of baseball's toughest division.

The Minnesota Twins may be a long shot to win the American League Western Divison. The Twins are a team of sluggers and have a good, young pitching core, featuring Ron Davis.

Minnesota will receive a strong challenge from the Kansas City Royals. Willie Wilson is back for a full year and together with a pitching core, including Dan Quisenberry, the Royals will finish a close second. After Minnesota and Kansas City this is a very weak division.

Chicago has Harold Baines and should finish third. Seattle is a young team with a great future.

The Oakland A's added offence but gave up a lot of pitching to get it. Texas and Oakland will bring up the rear of the division.

Sports banquet

Niagara College's annual athletic banquet will be held Friday, April 19, in the Black Walnut cafeteria from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for all varsity athletes and intramural champions.

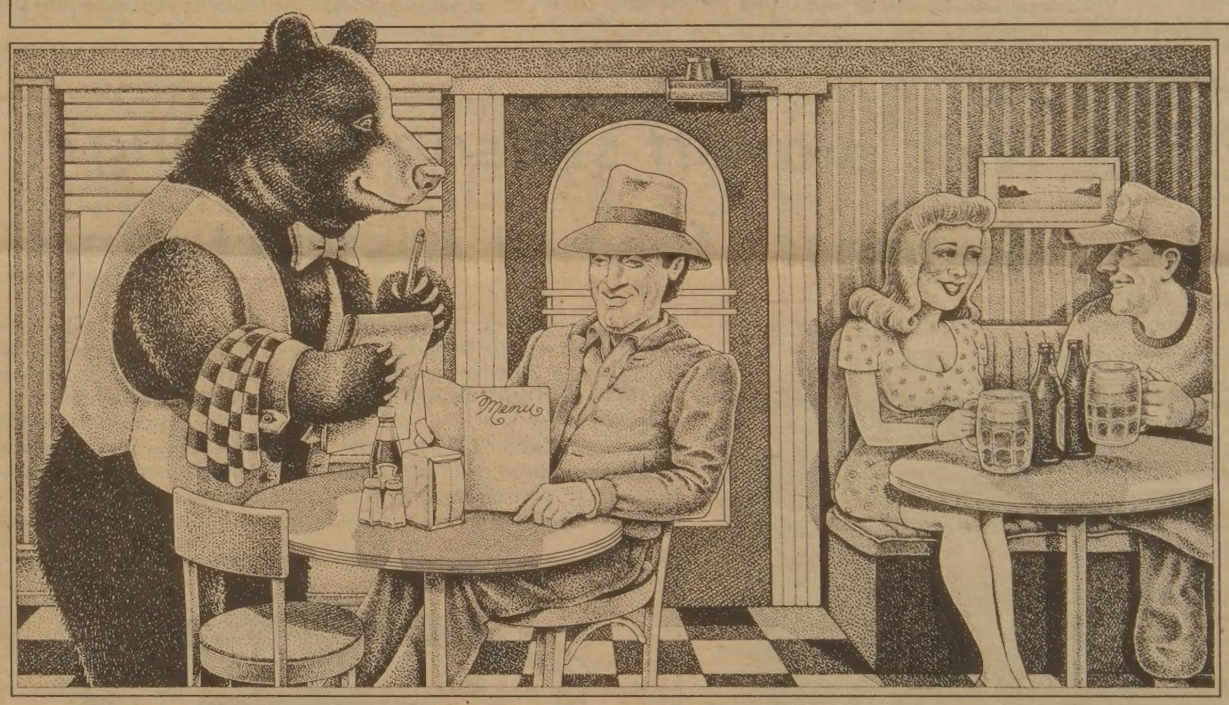
The two most valuable athlete awards will be presented, one for the best male athlete and one for the best female. Awards will also be presented to the best male and female freshmen athletes.

Intramural champions will receive trophies and medals.

A dance will be held in the cafeteria after the presentations.

GRIZZLY
No. 1 in a roaring good series.
ENCOUNTERS

(The day Guy Mann ordered the toast.)



I was sittin' in this roadside joint when along comes a bear all dressed up like a waiter. Told him I'd like a Grizzly Beer and an order of toast. "I can getcha the Grizzly, but there ain't no toast," said the bear. "This is lunch, doncha know." I was real tickled that they had the Grizzly Beer. Told the bear how smooth and easy goin' down it was, and how it came in a nice tall bottle and went at regular beer prices. Also told him it was sellin' like hotcakes down there in the U.S.

"Don't have any hotcakes either," said the bear. "This is lunch, doncha know." Fine, I said. Get me a Grizzly Beer and a toasted chicken sandwich. Hold the mayo, hold the lettuce, hold the chicken. Smilin', the bear said, "Where should I hold it?"
Well, to make a long story short, the bear brought the Grizzly. And we struck up a friendship. 'Cause he had a sense of humour, you see. Holdin' all that chicken and lettuce in the place he was holdin' it.

Grizzly. Paw yourself a smooth one.